

## School Safety Showcase Guidelines

**This year's School Safety Conference Theme is : *"Partners in Progress: Working Together To Safeguard Our Schools"***

**The theme for your Showcase entry is: What does your school safety community look like?**

School safety has many aspects, and they all work together to keep Maryland students safe. These can be programs or people both inside and outside of your school environment and can include: teachers, school staff, police officers, parents, religious leaders, counselors, friends, coaches, after-school activity leaders, and even service animals, etc.

Create a piece of art that represents **what** or **who** makes you feel safe in school. Your creative mind is the limit, so you can be as literal or abstract as you like.

**What To Do:** Create an 8.5" x 11" piece of art that represents **what** or **who** makes you feel safe in school. Also give your piece a name and write a brief description of your piece to be included with your submission.

All entries must be original pieces of work that do not contain any logos or copyrighted imagery or information. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in your entry being disqualified.

Entries **must be the work of the student** submitting the entry. By submitting an entry, you are attesting that the piece submitted is the sole work of the student.

**How Do I Submit My Entry?** Download the form from our website ([bit.ly/SchoolSafetyShowcase](http://bit.ly/SchoolSafetyShowcase)) and complete all of the required information. When you are ready to upload your entry, go to our website and upload the completed entry form along with your submission and name/description of your piece. A Parent/Guardian authorization for submission is required for all entries.

Electronic submissions are encouraged; however you can also mail your entry to The Maryland Center for School Safety, Attn: School Safety Showcase Committee, 7125 Ambassador Road, Suite 130, Windsor Mill, MD 21244. All mailed entries

must be received within seven (7) days of the due date to be displayed at the conference and entered into the Showcase. Please plan accordingly.

If providing a picture of your entry, please ensure that it is a high resolution photograph to capture the essence of your art.

All entries will be displayed at the MCSS Annual School Safety Conference, July 19th and 20th, 2023 and on the MCSS website for a period of thirty (30) days following the conference

**Are there any material requirements?** No, the student artists can create their art piece from any materials they see fit to express themselves from popsicle sticks, to macaroni, to oil paint. Digital art is also acceptable. The submitted artwork should be static (Paintings (paper and digital), Photographs, Digital Art creations) that has to be manually created and no automated or AI technology usage.

**Is there a size limit for my entry?** Yes, entries can not be larger than 8.5" x 11" in size; however, photographs can be 8" x 10" or resized to 8.5" x 11".

**How many entries can I make?** There is a limit of one entry per student. If there are multiple entries, only the first received entry will be considered.

**Who is eligible to enter?** All Maryland students in grades 3 through 12 that attend any Public, Non-Public or Home School. There will be three categories. Elementary School (3rd, 4th and 5th grade), Middle School (6th, 7th and 8th grade) and High School (9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade).

**Is anyone excluded from entering?:** No, as long as you meet the grade criteria and are a student at a Maryland school, in any of the 24 jurisdictions (including Baltimore City), you are eligible to submit an entry.

**What's the Contest Period?** The contest will begin at 12:00 a.m. on March 1, 2023 and end at 11:59 p.m. on May 31, 2023.

**Who will be judging my submission?** The attendees of the MCSS Annual School Safety Conference will be submitting live judgements for each grade group. Attendees are only allowed to vote once for each Showcase grade group.

All MCSS staff members are excluded from voting for any art pieces submitted to the Showcase.

## **What criteria will the judging be based upon?**

- Level of creativity.
- How well the theme is represented in the piece submitted.
- Level of skill for your grade group.

**When will I find out if I won?** All votes will be tallied and the winners will be announced on the last day of the conference and notified by email following the conference.

**How many winners will there be?** There will be three winners in each Showcase grade group—first, second, and third place.

**How will my art be used?** All submissions will be showcased on the MCSS website and may be used in promotional materials and postings by MCSS. If this is the case, the artist will be properly identified with the piece.

## **What are the Prizes?**

- **First Place Winners**
  - Elementary School - Wireless Graphic Drawing Tablet
  - Middle School - Wireless Noise Cancelling Headphones
  - High School - iPad
- **Second Place Winners**
  - Elementary School - 175 Piece Deluxe Art Set
  - Middle School - Wireless Graphic Drawing Tablet
  - High School - Wireless Graphic Drawing Tablet
- **Third Place Winners**
  - Elementary School - 175 Piece Deluxe Art Set
  - Middle School - Wireless Graphic Drawing Tablet
  - High School - Wireless Graphic Drawing Tablet

MCSS reserves the right to add or substitute prizes at its discretion.